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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,397,493 issued June 4, 2002 to HALMSCHLAGER et al., discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0007];
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,778,565 issued July 14, 1998 to HOLT et al., discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0008];
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,706,587 issued January 13, 1998 to LEHTINEN et al., discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0008];
- (4) European Patent Application No. 0 727 521 published August 21, 1996, discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0008];
- (5) European Patent Application No. 0 962 588 published August 12, 1999, discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0009];

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report conducted in International Application No. PCT/GB03/04585, which is a counterpart of the abovecaptioned application. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

- European Patent Application No. 0 962 589 published August 12, 1999; (6)Applicant notes that this document is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0009]. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants cite U.S. Patent No. 6,094,834 issued August 1, 2000 to TAIPALE et al., which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the abovecited European application;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,941,514 issued July 17, 1990 to TAIPALE; (7)
- (8)German Patent Application No. 86 21 843 published November 20, 1986;
- (9)U.S. Patent No. 4,675,229 issued June 23, 1987 to WESTHEAD;
- International Publication No. WO 99/18282 published April 15, 1999 as an (10)"X" category document (i.e., a document that calls into question of the novelty or inventive step when considered alone) with regard to claims 1-5, and 11-16 of the International application;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,867,206 issued September 19, 1989 to KUFFERATH; (11)Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants cite U.S. Patent No. 5,056,565 issued October 15, 1991 to KUFFERATH, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited International application;
- (12)U.S. Patent No. 6,057,255 issued May 2, 2000 to GASS;
- (13)U.S. Patent No. 4,112,586 issued September 12, 1978; and

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(14) U.K. Patent Specification No. 995,620 published June 23, 1965.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Moreover, copies of the International Search Report and of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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